AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification

On page 7, please replace paragraph [0028] with the following paragraph:

[0028]   The volatile memory 32 further includes a ~~storage~~ session <u>storage</u> manager (SSM) 28. The SSM 28 updates and/or stores session information in the persistent volatile memory 36 without substantially decreasing the performance of the server 4.   The SSM 28 initially stores the session information in a cache file (not shown) located in the volatile memory 32 for efficient retrieval of session information. In one embodiment, the SSM 28 transfers the session information from the volatile memory 32 to a database file (not shown) located in the persistent volatile memory 36 or on a disk so that the session information is not lost upon a server failure. In a further embodiment and described in more detail below, the SSM 28 employs two log files as respective backups to the cache file and the database file. Thus, in the event of a failure of the server 4, the SSM 28 can recover the session information from the database file and the log files located in the persistent volatile memory 36.

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